

Application No. 10/705,839 (HUANG) Amendment A, cont.

Amendment to the Claims:

1. **claim (currently amend)** A self-opening handle for a heavy duty artistic knife comprising:

a handle which is combined with a first and a second corresponding halves and each has an elongate groove in front top engaged with each other to define a gap therebetween, a plurality of transverse stop blocks ~~spaedly~~ **spacedly** formed under said elongate grooves, a plurality of longitudinal ribs ~~spaedly~~ **spacedly** formed under said stop blocks to define a sliding space thereinbetween, a horizontal slot in lower middle portion made in registry with one another and a circular recess in a lower inner wall adjacent rear end ~~thereof~~ **of each of said corresponding halves** engageable with each other for ~~respectively~~ disposing a ~~pair of magnets~~ **magnet** therein, wherein said first corresponding half further has a blade chamber in rear portion, a deep small circular depression in an outer surface surrounding said horizontal slot and a lug with an aligned through hole on rear end thereof; said second corresponding half further has a semi-circular depression in an outer surface surrounding said horizontal slot and a projection with a pair of lateral axial rod at rear end rotatably engaged with the aligned through hole of said lug of said first corresponding half;

a blade rack slidably disposed in front portion of said handle having a stop plate at rear end engageable with said transverse stop blocks, a striped slider above said stop plate slidably engaged within said

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elongate grooves and a pair of notches spacedly formed on one side for engaging with a fin on middle top of a trapezoid shape blade;

a swivel lock locking a middle portion of side first and second halves having a swivel button engaged with said semi-circular depression and a T-shaped shank centrally projected from inner side of said swivel button and inserted through said horizontal slots.

2. **claim (currently amend)** The heavy duty artistic knife as recited in claim 1, wherein said pair of magnets are ~~disposed~~ **positioned** with their identical poles toward each other.

3. **claim (original)** The heavy duty artistic knife as recited in claim 1, wherein said swivel lock has to turn about 90 degrees when locking and unlocking said corresponding halves.

4. **claim (currently amend)** The heavy duty artistic knife as recited in claim 1, wherein said stop plate is **selectively** disengaged with said transverse stop blocks when said striped slider is pressed downward.